

Cadets are expected to maintain high standards of appearance and conduct on and off campus.

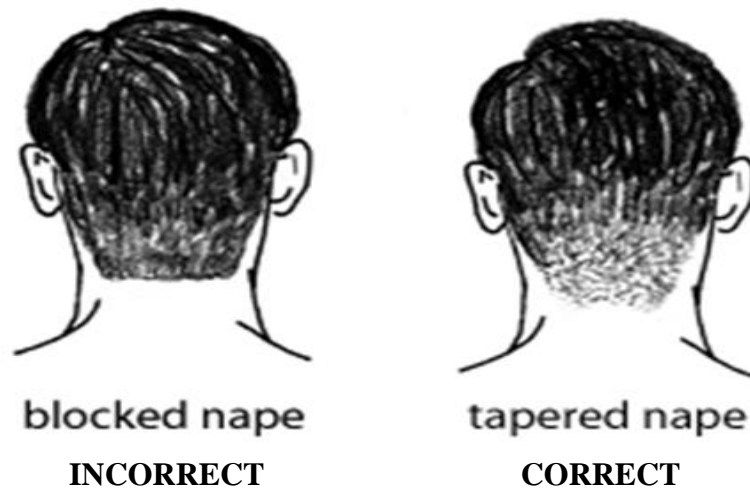
GROOMING AND PERSONAL APPEARANCE STANDARDS

Personal appearance and wearing the uniform is a significant part of a cadet's MCJROTC grade. Cadets are required to comply with MCJROTC GROOMING AND PERSONAL APPEARANCE STANDARDS as stipulated in Marine Corps Order 1533.6E. Grooming standards are covered in this section; MCJROTC uniform standards are covered in the section titled, "MCJROTC Uniform Standards." The grooming regulations apply to the military and NOMMA civilian uniforms, except as noted for some female hair regulations. Grooming and personal appearance standards are expected to be followed daily and at all NOMMA events (i.e. graduation, prom, dances, sporting events, and extracurricular activities).

Cadets who refuse or repeatedly fail to adhere to the prescribed grooming and personal appearance standards will receive disciplinary action according to NOMMA discipline policy.

1. **All cadet haircuts/hairstyles, for both male and female cadets will be checked every day, during inspection, and will contribute toward an exam grade.**
 - a. Haircuts and hair styles are not permitted to be faddish or eccentric. Mohawks, derivations of Mohawks and cuts or styles with shaved or designed portions of the scalp are not permitted. Braids and/or derivations of braids, including locks and twists, may be permitted for females only if hair is firmly secured according to the LONG HAIR regulations per MARADMIN 622/15.
 - b. No designs are allowed to the hair, one straight part in the hair is authorized. Two or more parts on the scalp are not authorized.
 - c. Hair must be a natural color, coinciding with the eyebrows.
 - d. Shaving/slashing of eyebrows is NOT authorized.
2. **Male cadet grooming and haircut standards:**
 - a. Marine Corps regulations state that hair will be neat and closely trimmed on the sides and back, graduated from zero (0) length at the hairline in the lower portion of the head to the upper portion of the head; and will not be over three (3) inches in length fully extended on top of the head.
 - b. Sides and back trimmed so that the hair is evenly graduated from zero at the hairline to the top of the head. Hair cannot touch the ears and will be tapered (or faded), not blocked. See the diagram below for the difference between tapered and blocked hairline. (If you can pinch and hold on to hair at the neck, sideburns and ear hairline, then it is too long.)
 - c. Sideburns will not go below the top of the ear orifice (place your index finger in your ear, your sideburns cannot go below the top of your finger).
 - d. The hair on the top of the head will not exceed 3 inches. It will be washed and neatly combed.
 - e. Locks, twists, sculpting or spiking hair is not authorized.
 - f. Male cadets will be clean-shaven daily. Mustaches are the only facial hair authorized for male cadets. Mustaches must be trimmed so that the hair does not fall below the top edge of the upper lip and does not extend past the comers of the mouth. Beards of any kind are NOT authorized.

Blocked nape versus **tapered** nape (or, blocked neck edge versus tapered neck edge). A blocked nape refers to cutting the hair straight across in a definite line where the hairline meets the back of the neck (the nape). It is sometimes also referred to as "squaring off" the nape. A tapered nape, or fade, refers to a gradual decrease in the length of hair at the back of the head to zero at the neckline, following your natural hairline. Both are shown in the illustration below for comparison. The tapered, or faded, nape is the only style of haircut for mcjrotc.



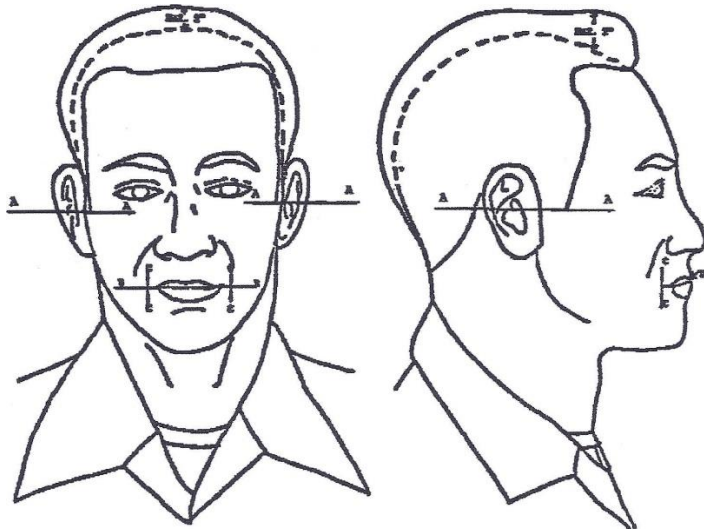
Sideburns and Mustache.

Sideburns shall not extend below a point level with the middle of the ear, as indicated by line "A". When a mustache is worn it shall not:

Go below a horizontal line extending across the corner of the mouth as indicated by line "B".

Extend more than 1/4 inch beyond a vertical line drawn upward from the corners of the mouth as indicated by line "C".

Protrude below the lip line of the upper **lip** as indicated by line "D".



Scalp line above is indicated by -----

3. Female cadets hair standards:

- a. Wear their hair so that it does not fall below the bottom edge of collar.
- b. Female hairstyles must be neat and conservative in appearance and must not interfere with the proper wear of all uniform headgear.
- c. Hairpins will be hidden and no other items are allowed in the hair.
- d. Bangs, if worn, **MAY NOT FALL INTO THE LINE OF SIGHT**, may not interfere with wearing of headgear, and must lie neatly against the head.
- e. Examples of hairstyles considered to be faddish or exaggerated and thus not authorized for wear in uniform are (this list is not all-inclusive); locks and twists (not including French rolls/twists), hair sculpting (eccentric directional flow, twists, texture or spiking), buns or braids with loose hair extending at the end, multiple braids that do not start at the top of the head, hair styles with severe angles, and loose unsecured hair (not to include bangs) when medium/long hair is worn up.

f. Female Cadet Hair Requirements

Short and medium length hair does not extend past the bottom edge of the uniform collar. Graduated hair styles are accepted, but the length from the front to the back may not exceed one inch difference in length. Bangs **MAY NOT FALL INTO THE LINE OF SIGHT**, may not interfere with the wearing of headgear, and must lie neatly against the head.

Hair that extends beyond the collar's edge will be neatly and inconspicuously fastened or pinned tight to the head. No portion of the bulk of the hair may exceed 2 inches except for a bun, which may extend a maximum of 3 inches from the scalp and may be no wider than the width of the head. Hairstyles will be symmetrical (no side buns, etc.) and will not interfere with the proper wearing of headgear.

Hair sculpting (eccentric directional flow, texture or spiking), buns or braids with loose hair extending at the end are not authorized.

- g. **SHORT HAIR** extends no more than 1 inch from the scalp, may be **NO SHORTER** than 1/4 inch, and may be evenly graduated. Bangs, if worn, **MAY NOT FALL INTO THE LINE OF SIGHT**, may not interfere with wearing of headgear, and must lie neatly against the head.

- h. **MEDIUM HAIR** does not extend past the uniform collar, is longer than 1 inch in length, and may fall naturally. Graduated hair styles are accepted, but the length from the front to the back may not exceed on inch difference in length. Bangs **MAY NOT FALL INTO THE LINE OF SIGHT**, may not interfere with the wearing of headgear, and must lie neatly against the head. No portion of the bulk of the hair as measured from the scalp, may exceed 2 inches.
 - i. **LONG HAIR** will not extend beyond the collar's edge and will be neatly and inconspicuously fastened or pinned tight to the head. Female cadets may not wear a ponytail. No portion of the bulk of the hair may exceed 2 inches except for a bun, which may extend a maximum of 3 inches from the scalp and may be no wider than the width of the head. Hairstyles will be symmetrical (no side buns, etc.) and will not interfere with the proper wearing of headgear. Bangs **MAY NOT FALL INTO THE LINE OF SIGHT**, may not interfere with wearing of headgear, and must lie neatly against the head.
4. Jewelry: Cadets are **NOT** authorized to wear earrings or spacers in the MCJROTC utility uniform. Only Females are authorized to wear earrings (no larger than the *1/4* of an inch in diameter, one on each ear lobe) in the NOMMA uniform. Cadets are not authorized to wear facial or body piercings (retainers and spacers are not permitted); No other jewelry will be visible above or around the neck. Watches are the only authorized jewelry allowed on the wrist. Watches must be inconspicuous; not overly large and may be brown, black, tan, gold or silver. One ring on each hand is allowed, but not to be worn on the thumb. Hair accessories are not authorized.
5. Shaving/slashing of eyebrows is **NOT** authorized.

Longest hair - 1-inch
from scalp

Shortest hair
1/4-inch from scalp,
but may be graduated
to the hair line

Bottom edge of collar



Short Hair Length

Bottom edge of collar

Less than 1-inch
difference in length
from front to back



Medium Hair Length

Bottom edge of collar



Long Hair Length

Max. 2 Inches

Max. 3
Inches

Bottom edge of collar

Buns may be no
wider than the
width of the head



Bulk of Hair

MCJROTC UNIFORM STANDARDS

- a. Cadets will be issued a Marine Corps uniform during orientation week. Uniforms are issued on a recoverable basis to cadets at no cost to the cadet. Uniforms are issued free of charge as long as they are returned in serviceable condition when a cadet graduates or withdraws from NOMMA. *Cadets are responsible for the care and cleaning of the uniform they are issued.* Cadets will be evaluated everyday on their ability to properly wear both the Military and civilian uniforms.

Cadets who refuse or repeatedly fail to wear the uniform correctly will receive disciplinary action according to NOMMA discipline policy.

- b. ***Wearing the uniform is a significant part of the cadet's MCJROTC grade.*** *Unless* cadets are in the civilian uniform, cadets will be required to wear the MCJROTC uniform. The SMI/MI will prescribe which uniform is the uniform of the day. Cadets are required to know uniform wear assignments and will wear the prescribed uniform accordingly. The uniform cover (cap) is a required part of the uniform; cadets must maintain accountability for their cover and are required to wear it at all times when outdoor and in uniform. *The MCJROTC uniform will be worn to and from school, and throughout the day while at school.* Changing out of uniform for physical education or extracurricular activities is required. Cadets are only permitted to wear Physical Training (PT) gear during sessions in JROTC classes. Cadets are inspected in their uniform several times each month, and because this is a graded event, if a cadet fails to make up the uniform inspection within 5 school days, he or she will receive a failing grade for uniform inspection. *Three failing uniform inspection grades during a marking period may result in the failure of the MCJROTC Leadership Education class for the marking period.* Additionally, Cadets are required to follow all grooming standards in order to pass inspection. Grooming standards are detailed in the section titled "grooming and Personal Appearance Standards." Required grooming and uniform standards will be taught during orientation at the beginning of the year, in the MCJROTC classes, and reinforced throughout the year as needed. This information can also be found in the cadet guidebook.
- c. *Federal law imposes certain restrictions on the wearing of a military uniform.* Cadets are given detailed instruction on when, where, and how to properly wear the MCJROTC uniforms. It is important to note:
- Cadets may only wear the MCJROTC uniform while at school and directly traveling to and from school.
 - Cadets may not wear the uniform in any other building including any type of store, restaurant, or doctor's appointments whether accompanied by a parent/guardian or not. This is also true for any building in Federal City including the Federal City Fitness Center, Subway restaurant and the outdoor basketball court.
 - Cadets can change out of their uniform before leaving school if they need to make a stop before reaching home.
 - The consequence for all off campus uniform violations is an Out of School Suspension.
 - *Unauthorized use of and the improper wearing of the issued uniform will result in disciplinary action.*
- d. Cadets are expected to keep the uniform clean, pressed, and in good repair. *Seasonal Service Uniforms and Dress Blue Uniforms require dry cleaning whereas the Utility Uniform and t-shirts may be laundered.* Cadets needing items dry cleaned must turn in their uniforms to Supply NLT 7:15am on the first and third Fridays. They will be available for pick up 12 days later on Wednesday. A uniform at the cleaners DOES NOT excuse a cadet from inspection.
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- f. The MCJROTC instructional staff will be able to fit most cadets without the need for all alterations. The Marine Corps will pay for major alterations to the uniform.
- g. An integral part of the MCJROTC program is to develop a sense of personal responsibility. *If the issued uniform or parts of it are lost, damaged, or stolen, the cadet will be held responsible for the monetary reimbursement to the U.S. Marine Corps of all/any items lost/damaged/stolen at the current uniform replacement cost. Costs are payable by check or cash to NOMMA's front office at which time the Cadet will be issued a receipt which should be presented to the Supply Office for the issue of the new gear.*
- h. Cadets attending NOMMA can expect to wear the following uniforms:
 - School Uniform (Freshmen-Senior)
 - Green MARPAT digital Utility (Freshmen-Senior)
 - Physical Fitness Uniform [green shorts/t-shirt or green sweat pants/shirt] (Freshmen-Senior)
 - Marine Corps "Bravo" (Junior-Senior)*
 - Marine Corps "Charlie" (Sophomore-Senior)*
 - Marine Corps Dress Blues (Freshmen-Senior)**

**Selected Freshmen and Sophomores that achieve academic and behavior excellence may be issued the Marine Corps Bravo or Charlie uniform.*

***Cadets on the Drill/Color Guard teams, serving in key leadership positions, and identified band or choir members will be issued the Marine Corps Dress Blues.*

